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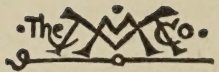

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INTRODUCTION

This book is put forth to be a guide, not a chain. The value of our ancient Protestant emphasis on free worship is so great that the vitality of our Churches would suffer deplorably if that freedom were, or could be, lost. But freedom that is without discipline, direction, or carefulness contributes nothing to vitality. In the old days, the congregation used to take a larger share in church services, by the participation of laymen in prayer. For good or evil, that practice has almost completely disappeared. As a result, the whole service has become dependent on the religious experience, and the powers of expression, of one man. But no minister, however gifted, can escape the limitations of being only one man; and unless his gifts are supplemented and enriched by adding to them the product of the religious experience of all Christendom, the congregation loses much of value which it has a right to expect. There has been for some time a growing feeling of this kind in our Churches; that feeling is certain to increase as the culture and outlook of our congregations widen; it is in response to that feeling that this Service Book is offered.

It will be observed that the major portion of the book consists in the provision of Opening Sentences, Invocations, Offertory Sentences and Offertory Prayers for morning and evening of the thirteen Sundays of each Quarter. These will undoubtedly prove of value to any minister who finds himself called upon to use these elements at every service, and yet is often hard put

to it, to give them that variety and scripturalness which will make them appropriate to the occasion and profitable to the worshipper. Very special attention has been given to the Sentences and Prayers of the Offertory, because here, as nowhere else, the Church has opportunity, week after week, to teach the right use of money. These sentences and prayers cover far more than mere appeal to give liberally when the collection plate is passed: they aim to enforce the whole teaching of Scripture with regard to the economic life: and to do it in that indirect way which is far more effective than an occasional driving sermon on the subject.

The great advantage of a partially liturgical service is that it gives the congregation a larger share in its own worship. Public worship ought always to be a social expression. The use of a Congregational Prayer, in addition to the customary Pastoral Prayer of Intercession (which ought never to be set or formal or preachy, but the pastor's own petition for the needs of his people at that time), has been adopted in some churches. The three prayers here provided for that purpose—a General Thanksgiving, a General Confession, and a General Prayer for the Kingdom—express in a simple, rhythmical and scriptural way the feelings which a worshipping congregation ought to express. Their adoption in the morning service will be found very helpful, so soon as the congregation has become accustomed to their use. They may very suitably be used also in the Worship Period of the Sunday-school hour.

There is a growing feeling in our Churches that we are in danger of losing our sense of pure worship, as distinct from instruction. At least occasionally there ought to be a service in which the main emphasis is not on the sermon or the music, but upon Prayer and the Word. The Special Order for Evening Worship, or Vesper Service, will be found to meet that need. Where there is a desire to reprint this or other material for the use of a specific congregation, permission to do so will be freely accorded by the publishers.

Many Churches that do not follow the practice of infant baptism feel the need for some kind of service for the dedication of children to the Lord. Indeed, such a dedication is all that infant baptism means to most members of paedobaptist churches. The purpose of the service here offered is to give expression to the desire for the consecration of family life by furnishing to parents the opportunity publicly to take vows to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Wherever possible, this Service should be held in the Church and not in the home, as one of the underlying objects is to cement the tie between the Family and the Church. The compiler feels also that it is a mistake to make a great public observance of this Dedication, as is sometimes done, by gathering in a large number of children for the purpose at Children's Day, or some other festival time. The service should be a small and quiet one, simply bringing the solemnity of the Church to what is essen-

tially an act of domestic religious faith. It need not be added, perhaps, that at least one of the parents of any child for whom such a service is used, should be a member of some Christian church: a person who has never given himself to the Lord cannot sincerely give his child to the Lord.

The Baptismal and Communion Services here presented, simply reduce to writing much current practice.

It is hoped that the distinction between burial services for those who are members of the Church and those who are not will commend itself to all. When a minister officiates at a funeral, he does so as the representative of Christ's Church. The language he often feels constrained to use when conducting the service over the body of one who has in his lifetime been no friend to Christ often sounds to the observer like sarcasm, or blasphemy, or both. We desire to spare the feelings of those who have loved the deceased as much as possible; we certainly wish to judge no man "before the time, until the Lord come," to whom judgment belongeth; but the Christian Church cannot, in all conscience, afford to stultify itself by abating one jot or one tittle of its testimony to the necessity of repentance and faith for any one who would expect eternal salvation. The "Burial Service for Those Who Have Lived Apart from the Church" is entirely non-committal as to the future of the deceased, but does offer to the mourners the comfort of the Heavenly Father's providence and mercy.

In the selection of General Prayers, which are collected from the devotional utterances of all ages, there has been careful study to preserve variety, and to represent all the great interests of the Christian life, including the social gospel of the Second Great Commandment. Even pastors who do not choose to use these prayers directly in the public worship of their churches will find their own free prayer enriched by the study of them.

We are trying to revive family worship, these days. When, as is often the case, the head of a family is unaccustomed to praying aloud in the presence of others, he may be encouraged to begin by the use of the General Prayers, and other prayers from this book. If the minds of a family be thus directed into the thought of God for a few minutes every day, a different atmosphere may come to pervade the whole life of the home.

There is no provision here for Responsive Readings for church worship, as good selections for the purpose are to be found in most modern hymnals. Nor has there been any effort to provide material for choral services, or responses between Minister and Choir, such as are sometimes used. Excellent material for the purpose can be obtained from musical publications.

That this Service Book may aid our Churches and families to worship in spirit and in reality is the prayer of the compiler.

An Order for Morning Worship

Call to Worship

¶ *When the Minister rises in his place, let the Congregation also stand, and join in the following responses*

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And with thy spirit.
M. Praise ye the Lord.
C. The Lord's name be praised.
M. Let us pray.

Opening Sentence

¶ *In place of the Call to Worship, the Minister may read one or more of the Scripture Sentences provided in the Orders of Worship for the Quarter, adding at the close the words, "Let us pray"*

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

¶ *Let the Congregation be seated with bowed heads, while the Minister offers a prayer of invocation, followed by the Lord's Prayer, in which all should join*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

¶ *The Congregation standing*

Responsive Reading and Gloria

¶ *The Congregation being seated, may read responsively an appropriate selection from the Psalms, or other Scriptures, as the Minister shall announce, rising at the close to sing the "Gloria Patri," or else to join in the following responses*

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

¶ *Let the Congregation, reverently bowing their heads or kneeling, join aloud in one of the three following General Prayers: either the General Confession, or the General Tranksgiving, or the General Prayer for the Kingdom, as the Minister shall announce*

General Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful

Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life; to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

General Thanksgiving:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ: For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; And that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

General Prayer for the Coming of Christ's Kingdom:

Almighty God, who in the fulness of time didst send thy Son to be the Savior of the world; And didst promise that of the increase of his government and of peace there should be no end: We, thy servants, look for and earnestly desire the perfect coming

of his Kingdom. Turn the hearts of the disobedient everywhere to the wisdom of the just. May the peoples that walk in darkness and the shadow of death, see at last thy great light. Let justice roll down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream. May greed and hate, poverty and disease, ignorance and sin, and all else that hinders and obstructs thy reign in the world, be speedily cast out of the way. And grant unto us, we beseech thee, to be thy servants and soldiers in this warfare, manfully fighting in the field for the glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

¶ *In view of the petitions already offered by the Congregation, the Pastoral Prayer may suitably be shorter than has sometimes been customary, and more strictly of an intercessory character. It should never be read*

Announcements

¶ *Where convenient, it is suitable that the announcements should be made by a lay official of the Church*

Offertory

¶ *It is fitting, at the Offertory, for the Minister to repeat an appropriate sentence of Scripture on giving the plates to the collectors; and on receiving the plates again to offer a brief prayer of dedication of the offering*

Hymn

¶ *The Congregation standing*

Sermon

¶ *It is fitting that, after the sermon, the Preacher shall offer a brief petition for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on the spoken Word, or a prayer that will express the feelings of the Congregation in response to the truth that has been enunciated in the sermon, or utter an Ascription of Praise such as the following*

Now to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be ascribed all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Hymn

¶ *The Congregation standing*

Benediction

¶ *Let the Congregation remain standing for the Benediction. The Benediction may often be combined with an Ascription of Praise, as will be found occasionally in the following orders of service*

Silent Prayer

¶ *After the Benediction, let both Minister and Congregation resume their seats for a brief season of silent prayer, to be continued until the organ sounds "Amen"*

A Special Order for Evening Worship

Opening Sentence

¶ *Let the Congregation rise with the Minister while he reads one or more appropriate Scripture Sentences for the Opening of Worship, closing with the words, "Let us pray"*

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

¶ *The Congregation seated with bowed heads, or kneeling, while the Minister offers the Prayer of Invocation, and joining aloud in the Lord's Prayer, as follows*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

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Congregational Prayer

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blessings of this life; But above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; And that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service. And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Anthem

Announcements

Offertory

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Scripture Lesson

¶ *The Scripture passage chosen for this lesson may well be longer than that read at ordinary seasons of worship, of sufficient length, if possible, to convey to the auditors the complete thought of a Book, or of a section of a Book, of the Bible. It should be read with preparation and care*

Hymn

¶ *The Congregation standing*

Address

¶ *If it be desirable to have an address, it may suitably be made at this point*

Litany

¶ *Let the Congregation, with bowed heads or kneeling, join with the Minister in the following responsive prayers*

Minister: O God, the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Have mercy upon us.

M. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us.

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us.

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. Remember not, Lord, our sins which are many; nor the sins of our church and nation, nor the sins of the society in which we live. If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquity, O Lord who should stand? Smite us not for our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

C. Spare us, good Lord.

M. From all blindness of heart and contempt of thy Word; from vainglory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness:

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From all impure thoughts and desires; from the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life:

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From love of money, from dishonesty in business, from forgetfulness of our duty, from contempt of others, from offense against thy little ones, from oppression of the poor and the stranger, and from all failure to love:

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. By thy holy incarnation, by thy humble birth, by thy hard life, by thy bitter death, by thy glorious resurrection and ascension:

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment:

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. We sinners beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

C. Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

M. That it may please thee to keep us in all time of temptation and heaviness, to comfort and help all the weakhearted, to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down the powers of evil under our feet:

C. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

M. That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and distress:

C. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please thee to bring all mankind to the saving knowledge of thy truth:

C. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please thee to stir up the souls of thy faithful people; to labor for the coming of thy Kingdom throughout the world, and the doing of thy will on earth even as it is done in heaven:

C. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. For those who mourn, for fatherless children and widows, for those who are poor, broken, and oppressed; for all whose labor is without hope; for all whose labor is without honor; for all whose labor is without interest; for those whose labor is without just reward; for those who have no labor; for those who desire no labor; for those who have no home; for prisoners and outcasts; for the victims of lust; for those who are luxurious and intemperate; for those who are sick and hungry; for those who have lost faith in thee; for all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death:

C. We beseech thee, good Lord.

M. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C. Grant us thy peace.

M. O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:

give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from all fear, may by thy protection pass our time in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

¶ *Here the Minister may without interruption proceed to offer one or both of the following evening prayers, or he may offer ex tempore prayer*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day, and to whom the darkness and the light are both alike: by thy great mercy lighten our darkness and defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; and so refresh our weary nature with the help our weakness needs, that we may behold the dawn and the day with joyfulness, and be devoted to thee, both in body and soul, for the love of thy son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Lord, support us all day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

¶ *The Congregation standing*

BENEDICTION

SILENT PRAYER

Orders of Morning and Evening Worship for the Thirteen Sundays, with Invocations, Offertory, Prayers, Etc.

First Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah all ye lands. Serve Jehovah with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that Jehovah, he is God: it is he that hath made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks unto him and bless his name. For Jehovah is good: his lovingkindness endureth for ever and his faithfulness unto all generations.

Invocation:

O Thou whose faithfulness endureth to all generations; in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night; and who hast called us out of the silence that we may live in thee; we come to thee for the aid without which we are sure to fail. Amid all the changes of the years we would lay hold on thee in unfailing trust, and in communion with thee would find hope and comfort and direction for our lives. Be pleased now to bless the worship of this hour, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Confession*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, . . . and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

The Prayer:

O God, whose tender mercies are over all thy works, how greatly have our lives been enriched by the constant largess of thy providence! Day and night, and year by year, we have been watered by the River of God, which is full of water. For this so abundant blessing, spiritual and temporal, we tender thee the gratitude and devotion of our hearts, and for a testimony thereof we bring these offerings to thine altar. Amen.

HYMN
SERMON—SERMON PRAYER
HYMN
BENEDICTION:

Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. And may the blessing of this our God be yours, and remain with you always. Amen.
SILENT PRAYER

First Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

Jehovah will command his lovingkindness in the day-time; and in the night his song shall be with me, even a prayer unto the God of my life.

Blessed be the Lord, for he hath visited and wrought redemption for his people.

Through Jesus, then, let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name.

Invocation:

O Thou that hearest prayer, it is written that unto thee shall all flesh come. And hither are we come at this time to inquire in thy holy place, and to hear what Jehovah our God will speak to us. Meet us here, as thou hast promised. Fulfil our needs and answer our longings. May more light break forth from thy Holy Word to guide our feet in the way of peace. And may this worship which now we begin, in passing leave us with our sins forgiven, our desires cleansed, and our lives consecreated to the Kingdom of thy dear Son.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

A faithful man shall abound with blessings; but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.

The Prayer:

As thou hast promised, dear Lord, to give wisdom to all men liberally, without upbraiding us for our want thereof, may thy Spirit illumine for us this great problem of our daily life, the right acquiring and expenditure of earthly substance. May we use the world as not abusing it. In the needful business of life, may we ever have at heart thy glory and the welfare of our fellow-creatures, in the spirit of Jesus, our Master. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Second Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

The meek will he guide in justice; and the meek will he teach his way.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Invocation:

Almighty and Everlasting God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the temples which our hands have builded, but who art ever nigh unto the humble and contrite: shed down thy Holy Spirit, we beseech thee, on all who are here assembled: that cleansed and illumined by thy grace, we may worthily show forth thy praise, meekly learn thy Word, render due thanks for thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Thanksgiving*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

The Prayer:

O God, Father of all men, may these our offerings he acceptable to thee as the honest expression of unselfish goodwill to all the brotherhood of men, thy children. May all the goods of this world which we call ours, be clean from any stain of unfairness or deceit or cruelty. May our consciences be so clear and void of offense, that we can truly say no man hath aught against us, and bring our gifts to the altar with gladness and singleness of heart, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Second Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, saith the Lord, there am I in the midst of them.

Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

As for me, in the abundance of thy loving-kindness will I come into thy house; in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Invocation:

O Lord our God, whose dwelling is ever among the children of men, we who are thy guests in the House of Life, turn to thee in the silence of this evening hour of prayer, seeking strength for the duties, comfort for the sorrows, and light for the perplexities of our daily life. Graciously meet us here and give us the desire of our hearts. May thy Spirit brood over our souls, stilling them with that peace which the world cannot give nor take away, and infusing into our spirits the joy of the Lord Jesus.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Upon the first day of the week, let each one of you lay by him . . . as he may prosper.

The Prayer:

O God, whose blessing alone maketh rich and addeth no sorrow therewith: we are thy pensioners, dependent wholly on thy faithfulness and bounty. All that we have is of thy gift. Save us from spending our money for that which is not bread, and giving our labor for that which satisfieth not. May we desire earnestly the best gifts, not laying up treasure for ourselves, but being rich toward God, as thy Son Jesus Christ hath taught us. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood and made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. And may His blessing abide with you eternally. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Third Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

Serve Jehovah with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: give thanks unto him, and bless his name.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Invocation:

Lord our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keepest covenant and promises for those that love thee with their whole heart; who art the Life of all, the Help of those that flee unto thee, the Hope of those who cry unto thee: cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to thy goodness —cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto thee.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *For the Kingdom*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles.

The Prayer:

O God, who hast made us thy servants to be stewards of the worldly goods which thou hast put in our hands, and stewards also of the Gospel of Christ; help us in the administration of both these trusts, that they may help one the other to thy glory: our earthly substance serving for the furtherance of the Gospel; and the spirit of the Gospel governing our getting and use of earthly substance. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Silent Prayer

Third Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

And it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light. Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Invocation:

O Thou who dwellest in light unapproachable; by whom light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart: illumine us, we beseech thee, with the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In him may the eyes of our understanding be enlightened, that we may behold the King in his beauty. As we pray, may our very souls cry out after Him. As we sing, may our voices utter the joy of hearts made glad in Him. As we reflect upon thy word, may His truth lay hold of our wills. And to thee, Father, Son, and Spirit, will we ascribe honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which ye showed toward his name, in that ye ministered unto the saints, and still do minister.

The Prayer:

O loving Father, who hast always been mindful of us, never forgetting our needs, or overlooking any generosity or mercy that we have shown: help us to overcome our heedlessness, and our too common forgetfulness of the responsibilities of our lives. Give us a portion with thy faithful ones, who have sought in small things as in great, in things temporal and things eternal, to do thy will. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Fourth Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh truth in his heart.

Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings? . . . Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? . . . He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Invocation:

Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, and we who draw near unto thee in worship and adoration this morning ought to come with clean lips and unsoiled hands. That we cannot do, our Father, for the thoughts and intents of our hearts have been evil; and out of the heart are the issues of life. We can but come beseeching thee for cleansing grace, and fervently repeating the prayer which the Master taught us to offer, saying,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Confession*

Scripture Lesson

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Pastoral Prayer
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Offertory:

The Sentence:

Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work.

The Prayer:

All things are thine, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. We thank thee for the abundance of thy provision for our temporal needs, as well as for the deeper needs of the soul. And in gratitude we make these offerings, for the greater glory of him who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might become rich. Amen.
Hymn
Sermon—Sermon Prayer
Hymn

Benediction:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you, always. Amen.
Silent Prayer

Fourth Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for the redeemed; the wayfaring men, yea, fools, shall not err therein.

Jesus said, If any man willeth to do the will of God, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself.

Invocation:

Most holy Father, may the hush of thy presence move us now to adoration, and may all voices be still that thine may be heard; quiet our minds of their frettings, hide from us the false glamor of things, and may the truth dawn upon all our souls. We bring to thee the unsatisfied desire of our seeking hearts, for naught save thyself can give us the rest vouchsafed to us in the promises of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray unto thee, saying,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

The Prayer:

As the husbandman with unsparing hand casts unto the ground the finest ears of his grain, confident in thy promise that while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, shall not cease; so O Lord, we make sacrifice of these material things, beseeching thee to bring them to spiritual and eternal issues. By reason of these our gifts, may the souls of men be saved and sanctified, the glory of thy Name enhanced, and thy Kingdom promoted throughout the world. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Fifth Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

O Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice; in the morning will I order my prayer unto thee, and will keep watch.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory will come in. Who is the King of glory? Jehovah strong and mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory will come in. Who is this King of glory? Jehovah of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Invocation:

O God of boundless might and incomprehensible glory, infinite compassion and measureless love to man; look down upon us and upon this house of prayer, and show the riches of thy mercy and tenderness; and so make us worthy, with a pure heart and a contrite spirit, with hallowed lips and with a countenance that needeth not to be ashamed, to call upon thee, our Father in heaven, as we were taught by thy blessed Son, our Savior, saying,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Thanksgiving*

Scripture Lesson

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The Prayer:

O Lord, who hast with bounteous liberality bestowed upon us gifts too lavish for appraisal and benefits too rich to be bought with any price—sun and sky and flowers, home and kinsfolk and friends, thy Gospel and thy Church, and above all the redemption of our souls in Jesus Christ: receive this thank offering at our hands, and bless it for his sake. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Fifth Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

Sing praise unto Jehovah, O ye saints of his, and give thanks unto his holy memorial name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a life-time: weeping may tarry for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.

When the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth.

If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Invocation:

O God, our Father, who hast led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of thy house: grant that this our worship may be acceptable unto thee, and comforting to our souls, and may enable us better to serve thee in our daily life. Strengthen us for the work to which thou hast called us among men, and keep us mindful of the coming night when the noise of the world shall be heard by us no more.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

The Prayer:

We would not make these offerings, Lord, a substitute for the giving of ourselves. Rather would we, like the saints of old, first give our own selves to thee, and then our gifts. Our wills and affections, our souls and bodies, our time and talents, our inmost thoughts and our dearest hopes—we consecrate them all to thy Kingdom, for his sake who for us and for our redemption, humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, yea, the death of the cross. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Sixth Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked man forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, thy holy temple.

Having then a great High Priest who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, . . . let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help us in time of need.

Invocation:

O Lord our God, who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, who hast again wakened us to praise thy goodness and ask for thy grace; accept now, in thy endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of thy everlasting inheritance; so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise thy wonderful and holy name, saying,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *For the Kingdom*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich.

The Prayer:

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for the organization of thy Church, that enables us to invest the returns of our daily labor, in the redemption of mankind. May this offering go where we ourselves cannot go, and do that which we cannot in our own persons do—raising the fallen, cheering the faint, healing the sick, casting out sin, and establishing thy holy Kingdom throughout the world. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Sixth Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

Incline your ear, saith the Lord, and come unto me; hear and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Invocation:

Grant us thy blessing, O God, as we enter into thy courts. Help us to worship thee, who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth, as thou requirest. Deliver us from all vain thoughts and desires. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us. Speak to our souls, we beseech thee, and may we not leave this place of prayer without new purposes of good, and a closer walk with thee. So may this hour of worship make for thy glory and our eternal welfare in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth only to want. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

The Prayer:

We thank thee for giving us so much that we can bring to thee. Though we often deal very niggardly with thee, thou hast dealt very liberally with us. Lead us now and henceforth to share our best with thee; and as thou hast given thyself without reserve for our eternal welfare, so may we give ourselves without reluctance to the service of thy Kingdom. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Seventh Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O God, thou art my God; earnestly will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee in a dry and thirsty land where no water is. So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary, to seek thy power and glory.

Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Invocation:

O God, Light of the hearts that know thee, and Life of the souls that love thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek thee; from whom to turn away is to fall, to whom to turn is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast forever; grant us now thy grace and blessing as we are assembled in this sanctuary to offer up our common supplications; and though we are unworthy to approach thee, or to ask anything of thee at all, vouchsafe to hear and to answer us for the sake of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Confession*

Scripture Lesson

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice. There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth.

The Prayer:

O Lord, Master of the House of Life in which we dwell: teach us thy stewards the right handling of the money thou dost entrust to our care. May we acquire it without injustice or injury to any; may we hold it in a light grasp, rejoicing in it but not overvaluing it or suffering it to put any barrier between us and others; may we expend it wisely for the building up of life and character; may we use it freely for thy glory and the betterment of mankind. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from Christ Jesus our Lord, and from the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, abide with you always. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Seventh Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

Honor and majesty are before the Lord; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength. Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jehovah and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: to show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Invocation:

O God, who by thy word hast given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, by taking hold on which we may escape the corruption that is in the world and become partakers of the divine nature: encourage us by thy Spirit to a confident expectation of all good things from thee: that we may abide and labor and worship in the cheerfulness of a godly hope. And teach us to utter with the longings of our hearts those petitions for which our Blessed Master taught us the outward form of words, when we say,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

To do good and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

The Prayer:

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept these offerings which we bring with a willing and cheerful mind. We thank thee that we are permitted to have a part in thy great task of the world's redemption. May those who administer these gifts be blessed with fidelity and wisdom, so that all may aid effectively in the building up of thy glorious kingdom. And grant that with our gifts we may give our very selves to thy love and service. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Eighth Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Invocation:

It is in all humility that we come before thee this morning, our Father. With shame and confusion of face, we acknowledge the sin and waywardness of our lives. We have been disobedient children, unprofitable servants, faithless friends of thine. We are witnesses who have forgotten their testimony, torch-bearers whose light is flickering, debtors who cannot pay, runners whose strength is spent, soldiers who have turned back in the day of battle. There is no health in us. We would draw upon thy resources of strength and purity. Send out thy light and thy truth that they may lead us. Hear us as we cry in the name of Jesus thy Son, who taught us to pray,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Thanksgiving*

Scripture Lesson

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Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

Freely ye received, freely give.

The Prayer:

O Thou who hast redeemed us not with silver or gold, but with thine own precious life-blood: be pleased to receive these tokens of our gratitude at the realization of thy great sacrifice on our behalf. Of thy fulness have we all received. Take, we beseech thee, these offerings at our hands, and use them for thy good purposes in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Eighth Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

Jehovah is nigh unto all them that call, to all that call upon him in truth.

Behold I stand at the door and knock, saith the Lord: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Invocation:

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out on all who desire it the Spirit of grace and supplication; deliver us when we draw nigh unto thee from all coldness of heart and wandering of mind; fix our affections on thy self and on thy service; fill us with holy, peaceful, and beautiful thoughts; that with steadfast minds and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

As thy substance is, give alms of it according to thine abundance. If thou have little, be not afraid to give alms according to that little, for thou layest up a good treasure for thyself against the day of necessity (Tobit 4:8, 9).

The Prayer:

For skill of hand and eye, for brain and thought, for the kindly products of the earth, for the opportunities created by human society, for all that makes possible our economic well-being, we thank thee, O Lord. May we use these thy gifts as not abusing them, and so pass through things temporal as not to lose sight of things eternal, but ever hold fast the Spirit of our Master, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from Christ Jesus our Lord, and from the Comforter the Holy Spirit, abide with you always. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Ninth Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

I will lift mine eyes unto the mountains. From whence shall my help come? My help cometh from Jehovah, who made heaven and earth.

I will hear what God Jehovah will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people.

The same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Invocation:

We beseech thee, O Lord, to meet us and bless us as we gather in this house of worship to-day. May nothing come between us and thee to mar or obstruct our communion with thee. Forgive our sins, and create in us by thy Spirit a love for righteousness. Accept our songs of praise, our offerings for the spread of thy Kingdom, our prayers unuttered or expressed; guide the meditations of our hearts; and receive us all into fellowship with thee, for Christ's sake.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *For the Kingdom*

Anthem

Scripture Lesson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also.

The Prayer:

O Thou who openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing: be pleased, we beseech thee, to receive and to bless these our offerings, and use them in thy New Creation, even thy glorious Kingdom. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Ninth Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised. O that men would praise Jehovah for his loving-kindness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with singing. Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people, and praise him in the seat of the elders.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the Gentiles, saith Jehovah of hosts.

As for me, I will call upon God: and Jehovah will save me. Evening and morning, and at noonday, will I complain, and moan; and he will hear my voice.

Invocation:

O heavenly King, the Spirit of Truth, who art everywhere present, and fillest all things, Treasure of Blessings, and Giver of Life: come and dwell in us and purify our hearts from every stain, and vouchsafe us this night such blessing through thy worship, that the days which follow may most truly be spent in thy favor and service, through Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

As ye abound in everything, in faith and utterance, and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in love, see that ye abound in this grace also.

The Prayer:

O God, Almighty Giver of Life to all men, and Fountain of Life Eternal to them that are redeemed: endow us, we beseech thee, with those spiritual gifts which alone can make our lives fruitful of good. Make us to abound in everything—in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in sincere love, and not less in this grace also, of giving. May the offerings of our substance which we bring to this place from time to time, redound to thy praise and the betterment of mankind, by the building up of thy Church. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Tenth Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

Come unto me, saith the Lord, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

Invocation:

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Confession*

Scripture Lesson

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

As we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of faith.

The Prayer:

O Lord, forbid that we should have our hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on thee, who givest us richly all things to enjoy. May we do good, be rich in good works, ready to distribute, as thou hast commanded; laying up for ourselves a good foundation against the time to come, laying hold on the life which is life indeed, and furthering by our substance the victory of thy will on earth. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope by the Spirit of Grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Tenth Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness; for we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of Jehovah our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

I heard as it were a great voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah: Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and righteous are his judgments.

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight; I am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Invocation:

O Father Eternal, we thank thee for the new and living way into thy presence made for us in Christ. Beneath his Cross we would take our stand; in communion with his Spirit would we pray, in fellowship with the whole Church of Christ each of us would seek to know thy mind and will. Grant that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, refreshing and strengthening us to finish the work thou hast given us to do. So may this sanctuary become unto us this night, the gate of heaven, the house of God, where our spirits may meet thee, and live.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson
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Offertory:

The Sentence:

Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, To-day is salvation come to this house.

The Prayer:

O Lord, we beseech thee, make clear to us the full meaning of that salvation which thou hast brought. May all our character be transformed as thou leadest us out of the darkness into thy marvellous light. May that treasure on which our hearts are set, no longer be the treasure of selfish acquisition, but the rich treasure of a heart overflowing with love to all the sons of men, and seeing in them the very presence of the Son of Man, our Saviour. Amen.

Hymn
Sermon—Sermon Prayer
Hymn
Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Eleventh Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets, by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son.

The times of ignorance, God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent; inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.

Invocation:

O God, our most worthy Judge Eternal, who hast taught us to come with boldness unto thy throne, we are met together to claim thy promises of mercy. We come full of the stains of sin to be cleansed; weak in faith we come to be made strong and constant; faltering and timid in our effort toward righteousness, we come to be inspired to higher levels of character and conduct. Thou art he who givest repentance when men have sinned. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us; and lead us in the way everlasting, through Jesus Christ, the Living Way.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Thanksgiving*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom, For with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

The Prayer:

We thank thee, Lord, for the promises of good thou hast made to those who devote their substance to thy glory and human welfare. We thank thee that thy great law of compensation works on their behalf. But may this oblation of ours not be brought with any hope of reward, for we deserve none, but only for love of thee and thy Son, our Savior. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Eleventh Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

Behold, he that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

I am the light of the world, saith the Lord; he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.

And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light.

Invocation:

O Lord our God, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light, and now hast once more assembled us to lift up our hands unto thee, and to praise thy past judgments; accept our prayers and supplications, and give us the faith that maketh not ashamed, a confident hope, and a love unfeigned; bless our coming-in and going-out, our thoughts, words and works; and let us end this day as it began, with the praise of the unspeakable sweetness of thy mercy.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much: and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

The Prayer:

O God, may thy divine Spirit within us, move us to such fidelity in the small things wherewith we have been entrusted, that at last we may be found worthy to inherit our own true riches in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Twelfth Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

Every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make joyful in my house of prayer.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of Jehovah. Jehovah is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Invocation:

In confidence of thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, we draw near unto thee, at this hour of prayer, as sick persons to the Healer, as the hungry and thirsty to the Fountain of Life, as creatures to the Creator, as desolate souls to our own tender Comforter. Behold, in thee is all we can or ought to desire. Thou art our Salvation and our Redemption, our Hope and our Strength. Rejoice therefore this day the souls of thy servants; for unto thee do we lift up our souls, saying,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *For the Kingdom*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

The ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through many thanksgivings unto God.

The Prayer:

Remembering, O Lord, that so many of thy gifts have come to us through the channels of human society, we would make our return to thee through the same channels, giving thanks to thee through the thanks of humanity, which thou hast made thine agent both in giving and receiving. As others have toiled that we might have what we need, we beseech thee that our abundance may fill up the wants of others. May our ministration of this service bring help and inspiration and betterment and blessing to men, and abound through many thanksgivings unto God. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Twelfth Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

O Jehovah, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me, and the light about me shall be night; even the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Jehovah, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Invocation:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and truly worship thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

The Prayer:

O God, who hast set thy servants in the world to continue among the sons of men the blessed ministry of our Savior Jesus Christ: be pleased to hear our earnest prayers for the great causes these offerings are designed to promote. May the proclamation of the Gospel everywhere prosper. May men turn from idols to serve the living and true God. May thy Kingdom of righteousness and brotherhood be more perfectly established. May the whole earth be filled with thy glory. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Thirteenth Sunday—Morning Worship

Opening Sentences:

Praise ye Jehovah: for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: for it is pleasant, and praise is comely. Jehovah doth build up Jerusalem; he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any one: that your Father also who is in heaven, may forgive you your trespasses.

Invocation:

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Confession*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Prayer:

We do not bring this oblation because thou, O God, art to be persuaded with gifts, like an earthly monarch; nor because thou dost stand in need of our gifts. Every beast of the forest is thine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. The world is thine, and the fullness thereof. It is we that need to give, in order that our lives may not become enclosed within the narrow bounds of selfishness. We would have our poverty enriched by the blessedness of generosity. May this part of our morning worship redound to thy glory and to our spiritual health and enlargement, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Thirteenth Sunday—Evening Worship

Opening Sentences:

I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life, saith the Lord; no man cometh unto the Father but by me. All that which the Father giveth me shall come unto me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Jehovah. Let us lift up our hearts with our hands unto God in the heavens.

Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.

Invocation:

O Lord, lift up thy face upon us and bless us as we gather in thy house again at eventide, after the anxieties, the distractions and the discords, the hopes and the longings and the prayers of another day and another week. Be pleased to speak some word of comfort to us if we are depressed; some word of cheer if we are afraid; some word of rebuke if we have been living below our possibilities; some word of forgiveness if we are penitent. And hear us as we unite our petitions in the prayer of the ages saying,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn or Hymns

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

The Prayer:

Lord, who art thyself the Giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us also how to give. May these our offerings be prompted by cheerful gratitude and love, and may they be administered with wisdom and fidelity. May thy Name be praised in all the earth! May thy Kingdom come! Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Orders of Worship for Special Occasions

Good Friday Service

Opening Sentences:

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

He was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

You, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unreprovable, before him.

Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have not life in yourselves.

Invocation:

We lift up our souls and all that is within us, to laud thy holy name, O Jehovah; for thou art he who forgivest all our iniquities, and healest all our diseases, who redeemest our life from destruction, who crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Look favorably upon thy people assembled in thy sanctuary this day. May our restless and unquiet hearts be stilled with a great humility and a great peace, as we look upon the holy passion of the Lord our Redeemer, who his own self bear our sins

in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sin, might live unto righteousness.

Our Father, etc.

HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING—GLORIA PATRI

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: *General Confession*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price.

The Prayer:

O Lord, who didst give thy life for our ransom, grant that we, who can never repay thee all that debt, may yet give thee thy due of love, and hold ourselves and ours consecrate to thy great cause, even the redemption of mankind. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

¶ *For the Sermon Prayer, the second of the "Eucharistic Prayers" provided in this book may appropriately be used, omitting the words* "as in this Memorial"

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

Now unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be

a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren.

Silent Prayer

Easter Service

Opening Sentences:

Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep.

O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Savior Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Invocation:

O victorious Lord, bless the worship of this holy day. Grant that by it we may be brought to stand with the first disciples beside the empty tomb. At other times, we have heard thee preaching the good tidings of the Kingdom; we have watched thy healing hand as it touched the sick and the sinful with redeeming power; we have stood in the darkness trembling at the foot of thy Cross. O may we know thee to-day in the power of the Resurrection, the triumphant Lord and Savior of all, and praise thee for thy glorious majesty and thy boundless mercy.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *General Thanksgiving*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is life indeed.

The Prayer:

As Joseph of Arimathea, looking for the Kingdom of God, offered his own tomb to receive the body of the Lord; as the holy women came early in the morning with their gift of spices and the loving ministry of their hands; so would we, our Father, devote our best to the honor of our Living Lord, remembering that he died and rose again that we who live should no longer live unto ourselves alone, but unto him who for our sakes died and rose again. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Harvest Home Service

Opening Sentences:

Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee. The earth hath yielded its increase: God, even our own God, will bless us. God will bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Invocation:

Be pleased, O Lord, to meet us as we gather together to praise thee for the ingathered harvest, and to return to thee, through thy little ones, something of that which thou so bountifully hast given unto us. May there be nothing in our hearts or lives which would make our praise insincere or our offerings unacceptable in thy sight, as we call upon our souls and all that is within us to laud and magnify thy Holy Name. Hear us as we repeat in thy presence

the prayer which the Lord of the Harvest hath taught us, saying,

Our Father, etc.

HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING—GLORIA PATRI

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: *General Thanksgiving*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil. He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto Jehovah, and his good deed will he pay him again.

The Prayer:

O Lord, who hast ever provided for our needs, so that thou crownest the year with thy goodness and thy paths drop fatness: grant that we who live on thy bounty may not, now or at any time, be thoughtless of those who have received less than we. May our abundance be a supply for their want, that there may be equality; as it is written, He that gathered much had nothing over; and he that gathered little had no lack. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Christmas Service

Opening Sentences:

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; for he hath visited and wrought redemption for his people, and hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.

There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth.

Invocation:

O God on High, we gather this day in the name of the little Christ of Bethlehem; to join

with the angels in singing his praises; to come with the Magi, offering our several gifts and doing homage to the Infant Majesty; to meditate with Mary, pondering in our hearts the mystery of the Godhead Incarnate; and with the shepherds of the field to welcome the glad tidings of imperishable salvation. Fill our worshipping hearts with peace. Open them out in good-will to all men. And may heart and mind and soul accord with voice and tongue, as we ascribe glory to thee in the highest, before all time and now, and for evermore; and utter the petition which hath been taught us, saying,

Our Father, etc.

HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING—GLORIA PATRI

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: *General Thanksgiving*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!

The Prayer:

As with gladness men of old came to the house where the young child lay, and fell down and worshipped him, opening their treasures and

offering unto him gifts; so also would we worship to-day, bringing to thy service the gold of our earthly wealth, the frankincense of honest praise, the myrrh of heartfelt love, adoring with all our being the Incarnate Lord. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope by the Spirit of grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Missionary Service

OPENING SENTENCES:

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God. And it shall come to pass in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah.

Other sheep I have, saith the Lord, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.

After these things I saw, and behold a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Invocation:

O Thou who didst make of one every nation on all the face of the earth, with whom there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, barbarian, Scythian, bondman or freeman: be pleased, we beseech thee, to give ear to our prayers, and to open the eyes of our understanding to all the wonders thou art doing among the sons of men, making thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all people. And may the grace of thy Spirit prevail upon us to labor for the fulfilment of the holy prayer which we offer when we say,

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *For the Kingdom*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.

The Prayer:

We yield thee thanks for the faithful men and women whose personal labor in carrying the Gospel to dark places makes these gifts of ours fruitful. May we and they and thy whole Church verily serve thee, O Christ, as thy body, the fullness of him who filleth all in all. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, for ever and ever.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Social Welfare Service

OPENING SENTENCES:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy

strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen. And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God, love his brother also.

I am debtor to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

God standeth in the congregation of God; he judgeth among the gods. How long will ye judge unjustly, and respect the persons of the wicked? Judge the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the poor and needy: deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.

Invocation:

O God on high, who art the common Father of all men: so direct our thoughts in this hour by thy Spirit, that we thy children may enter into the mind of Christ and think his thoughts, looking upon all mankind as our brethren and his, loving his manifestation and manifesting his love, and ever remembering that he hath sent us into the world as thou didst send him, to seek and to save that which is lost.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *For the Kingdom*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

Whoso hath this world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

The Prayer:

Lord, who with thy liberal and bountiful hand providest enough for all mankind, whose gifts are by goodness and free favor made common to all men, while we by our covetousness and distrust have made them private and peculiar; correct thou the thing which our iniquity hath put out of order, and let thy goodness supply that which our niggardliness hath plucked away. O Fountain of all good things, wash thou away these so sundry, so manifold, and so great miseries, with one drop of the water of thy mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

HYMN

BENEDICTION:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Patriotic Service

OPENING SENTENCES:

O clap your hands all ye peoples: shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For Jehovah Most High is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah, the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Of a truth . . . God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him.

INVOCATION:

Almighty God, who art the Ruler of the whole earth, King of kings and Lord of lords; in whose sight the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are accounted as the small dust of the balance; who takest up the isles as a very little thing; before whom all nations are as

nothing: be pleased, we beseech thee, to accept the humble worship which now we offer, and to receive with favor our supplications for the Republic of which we are citizens, for ourselves, and for all the dwellers upon earth, our brothers; in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son.

Our Father, etc.

HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING—GLORIA PATRI

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: *For the Kingdom*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

The Sentence:

The earth is Jehovah's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.

The Prayer:

Reverently thanking thee for the temporal prosperity which we and all the people of this nation do enjoy, we bring this offering for thy service, in the name of thy son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

SERMON—SERMON PRAYER

Hymn

Benediction:

Now unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen nor can see; to him be honor and power eternal. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you, always. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Denominational or Church Occasion

Opening Sentences:

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined forth.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of Jehovah. Our feet are standing within thy gates, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem that art builded as a city that is compact together; whither the tribes go up, to give thanks unto the name of Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth.

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ hath put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

The Lord is gracious, unto whom coming ye

also as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus.

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

We who are many are one bread, one body: for we all partake of the one bread.

Invocation:

O God, who hast constituted all believers to be an holy priesthood unto thee: grant us the aid of thy Spirit as we offer prayer this day for thy Church in this place and throughout the world: that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is divided, heal and unite it; and make it truly the very body of him who died and rose again and forever maketh intercession for it, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

Hymn

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer: *For the Kingdom*

Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory:

The Sentence:

Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come into his courts.

The Prayer:

O God, who hast strengthened the gates of Zion, and blessed her children within her; accept, we pray thee, these tributes of our love and longing for the things which are dear to thee. Help us always to see that giving doth not impoverish nor withholding enrich us. While we handle the things that perish, may we gladly count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and delight to publish thy name, and to build up and strengthen thy Kingdom everywhere among those for whom our Savior died. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon—Sermon Prayer

Hymn

Benediction:

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, for ever and ever.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Silent Prayer

An Order for the Administration of Baptism

Announcement

¶ *In making previous announcement that this service is to be held, the Minister may conclude with the following*

Our Lord Jesus Christ saith, Go ye, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Invocation

¶ *The Minister, having entered the water, and facing the Congregation, may appropriately open the Baptismal Service with this Invocation*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

¶ *One or more of the following passages should be read*

Mark 1:2, 4, 5, 9-11

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, Behold I send my messenger before thy face, . . . John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the country of Judea and all they of Jerusalem; and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. And straightway coming up out

of the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him: and a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:13-17

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John to be baptized of him. But John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? But Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him; and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

John 3:22, 23

After these things came Jesus and his disciples unto the land of Judea; and there he tarried with them and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Ænon, near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

Acts 8:35-38 (inc. marg.)

And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture, preached unto

him Jesus. And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Romans 6:3-11

Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection; knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; for he that hath died is justified from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him. For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Even so, reckon ye also

yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26-28

For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ, did put on Christ. There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Acts 2:38, 39

Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him.

I Peter 3:20-22

The longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls, were saved through water: which also after a true likeness, doth now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.

The Baptismal Prayer

¶ *The Minister may then offer prayer for the person or persons to be baptized, as follows*

O God, who by thy Spirit hast moved the heart of *this our brother* to renounce the life of this world and cleave unto thy Son Jesus Christ; grant, we beseech thee, that henceforth *his* life may be full of the riches of thy grace. Give *him* continual repentance for *his* sin, and that forgiveness which thou dost so gladly offer to mankind at such cost to thyself. When *he* shall be tempted, be thou near and endue *him* with thy strength and righteousness. Lift the glorious ideal of thy Kingdom before *his* eyes, and lead *him* to consecrate himself to its achievement. May *he* be a faithful witness [*or* faithful witnesses] for thee among the children of men. And may *he* ever grow more and more in the knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ *his* Lord, so that *he* may know what is the hope of *his* calling and the riches of the glory of *his* inheritance in Christ Jesus. Send out thy light and thy truth that they may lead *him* through all the dark places of this life, until *he* come in sight of the shining lights of *his* eternal home. And when the journey is over, the course is finished, and the fight is fought, receive thou *him* with the crown of victory and the welcome of eternal love.

And sanctify to all here present, we be-

seech thee, the lesson of this holy symbol of baptism, whereby we declare our unbreakable union with Him who died for all, that we who live should no longer live unto ourselves, but unto Him who for our sakes died and rose again, even Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Baptism

¶ *At this point let the candidate enter the water and be received by the Minister. If there be a number of candidates to be baptized, the customary order is, that the younger shall precede the older, and women shall precede men. When the candidate has gone down into the water the Minister shall ask for his profession of faith*

Minister: My *brother N.*, dost thou believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Minister: On this confession of thy faith, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Let the Minister then baptize the candidate. As he raises the baptized out of the water, let him say these words of blessing, in such a manner as to be audible to the baptized person only*

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

¶ *When all the candidates have been baptized, and have left the place of baptism, let the Minister lift his right hand toward heaven, saying*

Lord, what thou didst command is done; and yet there is room!

Prayer

¶ *Before leaving the baptistry, the Minister may suitably offer the following prayer for himself and those present*

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again, for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

¶ *If the service is to conclude at this point, this Benediction may appropriately be used*

Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

An Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper

Announcement

¶ *In making previous announcement that this service is to be held, the Minister may conclude with the following*

The Scripture saith, Let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Invocation

¶ *To be said by the Minister*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Sentences

¶ *Let several of these sentences of Scripture be read, to bring those present into fit frame of mind to receive the Communion*

Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, for he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his lovingkindness toward them

that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you: for him the Father, even God, hath sealed.

The bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Verily, verily I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have not life in yourselves.

The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things.

I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,

shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man, some one would even dare to die. But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I know my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, saith the Lord, and I will give you rest.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate

with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.

O taste and see that Jehovah is good; blessed is the man that taketh refuge in him.

Our Passover hath been sacrificed for us, even Christ. Wherefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.

If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God: for God is love.

No longer do I call you servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard from the Father, I have made known unto you.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Blessed are they that are perfect in the Way; who walk in the law of Jehovah.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; ye, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for the redeemed: the wayfaring men, yea, fools, shall not err therein.

Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy Tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth in his heart.

For there is one God, one Mediator also between God and man, himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all.

I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah, and bow myself before the high God? . . . He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but

to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God.

Whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant: even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Behold I stand at the door and knock, saith the Lord: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

The love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge; that one died for all, therefore all died; and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves alone, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Abide in me, and I in you, saith the Lord. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,

except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine; ye are the branches. He that abideth in me the same beareth much fruit: for without me, ye can do nothing.

He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, abideth in me and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father: so he that eateth me, he also shall live, because of me.

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

But let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Prayer

¶ *The Minister may then offer prayer, either extempore, or by the use of this prayer, or by the use of one of the Eucharistic Prayers of this book*

O God, who by the blood of thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all; cleanse our minds, we beseech thee, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that drawing near

unto thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, we may receive these thy gifts without sin, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reception of New Members

¶ *Any who have become members of the Church since the last Communion may be given the Right Hand of Fellowship at this time, and announcement should be made of any members who have died*

Hymn

The Breaking of Bread

¶ *Here let the Minister break some of the bread before him, saying at the same time these Words of Institution*

The Lord Jesus, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread and blessed it. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

¶ *Then let the Minister give of the bread to the Deacons, or other assistants, who shall distribute to the people. When they have returned to the table, let the Minister, in similar manner, serve the Deacons; after which let the Senior Deacon serve the Minister: the officers of the Church being thus served last, in token that they are the servants of the Church. But let none of those present eat of the bread until all have been served, that all may partake of the Communion together. After the partaking of the bread, let there be a season of silence, for prayer and meditation. Then let the Minister conclude the Breaking of the Bread with these words*

The bread which we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ, seeing that we who are many are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one bread?

The Giving of the Cup

¶ *After a pause, let the Minister distribute the wine to the Deacons, while he repeats these Words of Institution*

And in like manner after supper he took a cup, and gave thanks and gave to them saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins. This do in remembrance of me.

¶ *Let the Wine be distributed in the same manner as the Bread; and let the Minister conclude the Giving of the Cup with these words*

As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death—till he come.

Prayer

¶ *Here let prayer be offered, either extempore, or by the use of one of the Eucharistic Prayers in this book*

Offering

¶ *Let the Alms for the relief of the Poor be taken*

Doxology

¶ *The Congregation standing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dismissal

¶ *The Minister may then dismiss the assembly with the words of the Gospel*

And when they had sung an hymn, they went out.

Eucharistic Prayers

1

O God our Father, we give thee hearty thanks for this most blessed Communion of which thou dost make us partakers. We again dedicate ourselves to thy service, in body and soul and spirit. Make thy grace always sufficient for us. Perfect thy strength in our weakness. Succor us amid the manifold temptations and sorrows of our lives. Give us power to endure unto the end as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Let the light of thy countenance be upon us now and evermore.

Regard in thy great mercy, O Lord, all those with whom we are this day one in the body of Christ, the multitudes of every name who are joined with us in one household of faith and love, our brethren and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

And mindful this day of the communion of saints, we bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants who have departed in the faith [especially those now present in our remembrance]; the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are compassed about; all thy saints in every age who have loved thee in life and continued faithful unto death. Enable us, we beseech thee, so to follow their faith and good examples, that we with them may finally be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom, and with them become like unto our Lord Jesus Christ, when we shall see him face to face. Amen.

2

O Christ, who didst suffer for our advantage on the bitter cross, whose body was broken and whose blood poured out for us; arm us also with the same mind that was in thee. May we also be willing to suffer for others, be the suffering in mind or body or estate. In this world, so full of divisive selfishness, may we accept brotherhood as the ruling principle of life. Help us to abjure this day the selfish use of power or money for the exploitation of our fellows. May we dedicate our lives to the establishment of the Kingdom of God, to the organization of all private and public life by the Golden Rule of thy Gospel. And if, in the service of this ideal, there should come to us risk, or loss, or contempt, or suffering; yea, even if death should be our portion, may we not falter, but remember again [as in this Memorial] thine own broken, bleeding body; and take new courage from the fellowship of thy sufferings; and enter into the joy of more perfect realization of thy blessed Presence. Amen.

(Note that if this Prayer be used on Good Friday, the words "as in this Memorial" should be omitted.)

3

O Thou Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we beseech thee, according to the riches of thy glory, to strengthen us with might by thy Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; so that, being rooted and

grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. Amen.

4

O God, who of thy great love to this world, didst reconcile earth to heaven through thine only-begotten Son: grant that we who by the darkness of our sins are turned aside from brotherly love, may by thy light shed forth in our souls, be filled with thine own sweetness, and embrace our friends in thee, and our enemies for thy sake, in a bond of mutual affection. Amen.

5

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who dost admit thy people unto such wonderful communion, that partaking of the Body and Blood of thy dear Son, they should dwell in him and he in them; we unworthy sinners, approaching to thy presence and beholding thy glory, do abhor ourselves and repent in dust and ashes. We have sinned, we have sinned, we have grievously sinned against thee in thought, in word, and in deed, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. The remembrance of our shortcomings fills us with sorrow and shame. Yet now, O most merciful Father, have mercy upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins; purify us, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness; enable us heartily to forgive others as we

beseech thee to forgive us; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6

We thank thee, Holy Father, for thy Holy Name, which thou hast caused to dwell in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality which thou hast made known to us through Jesus, thy Servant; to thee be the glory for ever.

Thou, Almighty Master, didst create all things for thy Name's sake; both food and drink thou didst give to men for enjoyment, in order that they might give thanks to thee; but to us thou hast graciously given spiritual food and drink and eternal life, through thy Servant. Before all things we thank thee that thou art powerful; to thee be the glory for ever.

Remember, Lord, thy Church, to deliver it from every evil, and to make it perfect in thy love, and gather it from the four winds, it, the sanctified, into thy Kingdom, which thou hast prepared for it; for thine is the power and the glory, for ever.

Let grace come, and let this world pass away. Whoever is holy, let him come; whoever is not, let him repent. Hosanna to the Son of David, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*This Prayer is probably the oldest Christian prayer outside the New Testament. It is from the Didache, A. D. 100-A. D. 120, slightly adapted.

7

Blessed Lord, who didst give thy Son to be our Savior, fulfill in us day by day while we live, the work of thy redeeming mercy. Give us to know Christ in the perfection of his life, that like him we may be in the world holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. Give us to know Christ and the fellowship of his suffering, that we may not be wearied and faint in our minds, but may ever be resigned to thy most blessed will. Give us to know Christ and the virtue of his death, that the world may be crucified unto us and we unto the world, that we may die unto sin and live unto righteousness. Give us to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, that as he was raised from the dead in the glory of the Father, we may rise unto newness of life. Give us to know Christ and the hope of his appearing, that we may be ready to give in our account with joy. O may we live by faith in him; may we increase in union with him; may we day by day become more like him, till we see him as he is and are changed into his perfect image. Amen.

8

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in him, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission

of our sins and all other benefits of his suffering. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrific unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we and all partakers of the holy communion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord: by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

9

O merciful Father, we thank thee for thy goodness to thy people in this place in permitting them to remember their Lord and Savior in this holy ordinance, and in feeding them with the spiritual food of his most precious body and blood. Continue to us thy loving-kindness, and grant that as we have received the Lord Jesus, we may walk in him, dying daily unto sin and living unto righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Order for the Dedication of Children

Announcement

¶ *In making previous announcement that this service is to be held, the Minister may conclude with the following*

Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for to such belongeth the Kingdom of God.

Invocation

¶ *To be said by the Minister*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:22, 24, 39-52

And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, his parents brought Jesus up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord, and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord. . . . And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. And his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old they

went up after the custom of the feast; and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not, but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance; and when they found him not they returned to Jerusalem, seeking for him. And it came to pass, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them and asking them questions: and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold thy father and I sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Knew ye not that I must be in my Father's house? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth; and he was subject unto them; and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 18:15-17

And they were bringing unto him also their babes, that he should touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called unto him, saying,

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.

Vows of the Parents

¶ *The parents, with the child, shall then stand before the Minister, who shall ask these questions, to each of which the parents shall make answer*

Minister: Do you now present this your child to Almighty God your heavenly Father, earnestly desiring that *he* shall grow up into faith and love toward Jesus Christ our Lord, and into the service of his Kingdom?

Parents: I do.

Minister: Do you promise to instruct your child in the principles of true religion as contained in the Scriptures, to pray with *him* and for *him,* and to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Parents: I do.

Prayer for the Parents

¶ *Let the Minister then offer prayer for the parents, as follows*

Grant, O Lord, to these thy servants, grace to perform the things which they have promised before thee. May they so yield their own lives to the illumination and guidance of thy Spirit, that they may be

able to lead this child, whom they now dedicate to thee, into fulness of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Child

¶ *Then let the Minister ask the name of the child, and on being told the same by one of the parents, offer prayer on its behalf*

Minister: What is the name of this child?

Parent: M. N.

Minister: Let us pray.

Most holy and merciful Father, from whom every family in heaven and in earth is named, hear thou, we beseech thee, the prayer which we offer on behalf of this child M. N. We thank thee that thou lovest the little children, and that thou hast taught us that it is only by possessing the trustful and humble hearts of little children, that we can find entrance into thy heavenly Kingdom. Bless this little child brought into thy courts to-day. Preserve *him* from every evil of body and mind and soul. When the choices of life shall present themselves to *his* awakening mind, give *him* grace to abhor the evil and cleave to that which is good. Above all, may *he* come to love our Lord Jesus Christ, to believe in Him, to follow Him into the waters of baptism, to serve Him in the Church and in the world, and by repentance and faith ever to walk with Him in perpetual newness

of life, until *he* come into the full stature of our perfect humanity in Christ Jesus. Overtake *him* with thy goodness all the days of this life. Be thou *his* help in temptation, *his* comfort in sorrow, *his* physician in sickness, *his* light in the darkness, and *his* comrade in joy. And finally, when the days of *his* pilgrimage are ended, receive *him* to thyself and make *him* to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts

¶ *Here, if convenient, it is fitting that the Minister should deliver to the parents a copy of the Holy Scriptures, suitably inscribed, as a gift from the Church, for the use of the child when he shall grow old enough to read therein. The Minister may also, if he will, place in the hand of the child a cluster of three white flowers, as a symbol of the Holy Trinity*

The Lord's Prayer

¶ *Let all present stand*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Benediction

¶ *If the service is to conclude at this point, and be not part of another service, a Benediction may be pronounced*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

An Order for the Solemnization of Matrimony

Invocation

¶ *The persons to be married shall present themselves before the Minister, the Woman standing at the left hand of the Man. Then, all present reverently standing, the Minister shall begin with this Invocation*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Address

¶ *The Minister shall address those present in this manner**

Dearly beloved, we are assembled here in the presence of God, to join this Man and this Woman in holy Marriage; which is instituted of God, regulated by his commandments, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and to be held in honor among all men. Let us therefore reverently remember that God has established and sanctified Marriage, for the welfare and happiness of mankind. Our Savior has declared that a man shall forsake his father and mother and cleave unto his wife. By his apostles, he has instructed those who enter into this relation to cherish a mutual esteem and

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love; to bear with each other's infirmities and weaknesses; to comfort each other in sickness, trouble and sorrow; in honesty and industry to provide for each other, and for their household in temporal things; to pray for and encourage each other in the things which pertain to God; and to live together as the heirs of the grace of life.

Forasmuch as these two Persons have come hither to be made one in this holy estate, if there be any here present who knows any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined in Marriage, I require him now to make it known, or ever after to hold his peace.

The Charge

¶ *The Minister shall then charge the persons who are to be married, as follows*

I charge you both, before the great God the Searcher of all hearts, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not lawfully be joined together in Marriage, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word allows, their union is not blessed by him.

Prayer

¶ *No impediment appearing, this prayer may be offered*

Almighty and ever blessed God, whose Presence is the happiness of every condition, and whose favor sweetens every rela-

tion; We beseech thee to be present and favorable unto these thy servants, that they may be truly joined in the honorable estate of Marriage, in the covenant of their God. As Thou hast brought them together by Thy providence, sanctify them by Thy Spirit, giving them a new frame of heart fit for their new estate; and enrich them with all grace, whereby they may enjoy the comforts, undergo the cares, endure the trials, and perform the duties of life together as becometh Christians, under Thy heavenly guidance and protection; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Vows

¶ *Let the Minister ask of the Man this Vow*

M—, wilt thou have this Woman to be thy wife, and wilt thou pledge thy troth to her, in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her, and cherish her, according to the ordinance of God, in the holy bond of Marriage?

¶ *The Man shall answer*

I will.

¶ *Then let the Minister ask of the Woman this Vow*

N—, wilt thou have this Man to be thy husband, and wilt thou pledge thy troth to him, in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live

with him, and cherish him, according to the ordinance of God, in the holy bond of Marriage?

¶ *The Woman shall answer*

I will.

¶ *Then the Minister may say*

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ *Then the father of the Woman, or some other suitable person, shall put her right hand into the hand of the Minister, who shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand and say after him*

I, M. take thee N., To be my wedded wife; And I do promise and covenant, Before God and these witnesses, To be thy loving and faithful huband, In plenty and in want, In joy and in sorrow, In sickness and in health, As long as we both shall live.

¶ *Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister*

I, N. take thee M., To be my wedded husband; And I do promise and covenant, Before God and these witnesses, To be thy loving and faithful wife, In plenty and in want, In joy and in sorrow, In sickness and in health, As long as we both shall live.

¶ *Then, if a Ring be provided, it shall be given to the Minister, who shall return it to the Man, who shall*

then put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, saying after the Minister

This Ring I give thee, In token and pledge, Of our constant faith, And abiding love.

Prayer

¶ *This Prayer may then be offered, the Minister asking those present to join in the Lord's Prayer following*

Most merciful and gracious God, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Bestow upon these thy servants the seal of thine approval, and thy fatherly benediction: granting unto them grace to fulfill, with pure and steadfast devotion, the vow and covenant between them made. Guide them together, we beseech thee, in the way of righteousness and peace, that loving and serving thee, with one heart and mind, all the days of their life, they may be abundantly enriched with the tokens of thine everlasting favor, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Declaration

¶ *Let the Minister then make this Declaration to those present*

By the authority committed unto me as a Minister of the Church of Christ, I declare that M. and N. are now Husband and Wife, according to the ordinance of God, and the law of the State: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then, causing the Husband and Wife to join their right hands, he may add this Warning*

Whom therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Benediction

¶ *And the Minister shall pronounce this Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace:

Both now and in the life everlasting. Amen.

An Order for the Burial of Members of the Church

Invocation

¶ *When all are assembled in the Church or in the home, let the Minister begin the Service with the following Invocation*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Sentences

¶ *Let the Minister read such of the following sentences from the Scripture, as he shall deem suitable*

Our help is in the name of Jehovah, who made heaven and earth.

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

We know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.

Our Savior Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.

Jehovah gave and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah.

Ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away.

We are strangers before thee and sojourners, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding.

We brought nothing into this world, ... neither can we carry anything out.

None of us liveth unto himself and none of us dieth unto himself; for whether we live, we live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's, for to this end, Christ died and rose and revived, that he might be Lord, both of the dead and of the living.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and be ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give to me at that day—and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Weep not, saith the Lord, the child is not dead, but sleepeth.

I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.

Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour cometh and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us

from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep.

O death, where is thy sting? O death, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer

¶ *Let the Minister then offer one of the following prayers, and let it be followed by the general saying of the Lord's Prayer, by those present*

Almighty and most merciful God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the support of the weary, who dost not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men: look down in tender love and pity, we beseech thee, upon thy servants, this bereaved household, whose joy is turned into mourning; so that while they mourn they may not murmur, and in their perplexity they may not despair. According to thy great mercy, be pleased to uphold, strengthen, and comfort them; that they may not faint under thy fatherly chastening but find in thee their strength and refuge; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who art our Refuge and Strength, and a very present Help in time of trouble; enable us, we pray thee, to put our trust in thee, and

seeing we have an High Priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, may we come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in this time of need: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

¶ *Let the Minister then read a Lesson from the Old Testament, using, if he will, one of the following passages. And note that other suitable lessons from the Old Testament may be found in Psalm* 90; *Job* 14:1-15 *and* 19:25-27*b*; *Prov.* 31:10-31 (*for the death of an aged mother*); *II Sam.* 12:18-23 (*for the death of a child*); *Eccl.* 12:1-7, 13, 14 (*for the death of a young person*)

Psalm 23

Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He guideth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah forever.

Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of Jehovah, He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in whom I trust.
For he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;

But it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.
For thou, O Jehovah, art my refuge!
Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation;
There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
For he will give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under foot.
Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:
I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble:
I will deliver him, and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him,
And show him my salvation.

Psalm 103:1-18

Bless Jehovah, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless Jehovah, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;

Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
Who satisfieth thy desire with good things,
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
Jehovah executeth righteous acts,
And judgments for all that are oppressed.
He made known his ways unto Moses,
His doings unto the children of Israel.
Jehovah is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness.
He will not always chide;
Neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
So great is his lovingkindness toward them that fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the lovingkindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,

And his righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to do them.

GLORIA

¶ *After any reading from the Psalms, it is appropriate that the Gloria Patri be said or sung*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HYMN

¶ *If desired, a hymn or anthem may here be sung*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

¶ *Let the Minister then read a lesson from the New Testament, using, if he will, one of the following passages, and before the reading let him say,* Hear the words of the New Testament, written for our admonition and comfort. *And note that other suitable lessons may be found in Luke* 7:11-16 *and John* 11:32-44 *(for the death of a young man)*

John 14:1, 2, 15-20, 25-27; I Thess. 4:13, 14; 5:1, 2, 4-11

Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it be-

holdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you. Yet a little while and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also. In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. These things have I spoken unto you, while yet abiding with you. But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let

us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that are drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do.

I Cor. 15:12-28, 35-44a, 54-58

Now if Christ is preached that he hath been raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither hath Christ been raised: and if Christ hath not been raised, then is our preaching vain, your faith also is vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that he raised up Christ; whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither hath Christ been raised: and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.

But now hath Christ been raised from the

dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; then they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. For, He shall put all things in subjection under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected unto him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

But some one will say, How are the dead raised? and with what manner of body do they come? Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind; but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of

birds, and another of fishes. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O death, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.

Rev. 14:13; 21:1-8; 22:1-5

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true. And he said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst, of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the

midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Mk. 10:13-16; Rev. 22:4; 7:16-17
(*For the death of a child*)

And they were bringing unto him, little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb that is

in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Address

¶ *A brief address may here be made, if it be thought desirable*

Prayer

¶ *After the address, prayer should be offered, either extemporaneously or by the use of one of the following prayers*

For Consolation of Faith

O God of all consolation, Father of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, Friend closer than any brother, whose Spirit mingles with our spirits: Thou alone canst comfort us in our affliction. Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, and still our unquiet hearts with Thy sweet words of peace. Teach us that all the truth and grace which we have this day lost in *him* from whom we are parted, we shall find in *him* again, enriched and sanctified, in Thy holy presence. Amid so much of change and confusion and mortality, may we in this hour lay hold on the immortal and the enduring. May we know that faith will never die; that hope shall never be put to shame; that love never faileth. May we know that nothing whatever of the beauty or strength or affection or holiness which we saw in *him* whom we have loved and lost awhile, has ceased to be. Rather may

our troubled and broken hearts be assured and set to rest in Thee, certain that the constant faith, unconquerable hope and deathless love which were *his,* and which we crave may be ours also, will come to glorious consummation in fulness of joy when *he* and we shall stand together at Thy right hand through Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Right Use of Affliction

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this present world in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of thy holy Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope; in favor with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presence of Christ

O Lord Jesus Christ, who Thyself didst weep beside the grave, and art touched with the feeling of our sorrows: fulfil now Thy promise that Thou wilt not leave Thy people comfortless, but wilt come to them.

May we who cannot see Thee with the eye of flesh, behold Thee steadfastly with the eye of faith. Reveal Thyself unto Thine afflicted servants, and cause us to hear Thee saying, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Help us, O Lord, to turn to Thee with true discernment, and to abide in Thee through living faith: that, finding now the comfort of Thy presence, we have also a sure confidence in Thee for all that is to come: until the day break and these shadows flee away. Hear us for Thy great mercy's sake, O Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Grace to Follow Christ

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death; grant unto us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee, and awake after Thy likeness; through Thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Us Who Still Live

Blessed are all Thy saints, our God and King, who have traveled over the tempestuous sea of mortality, and have at last made the desired port of peace and felicity. Oh, cast a gracious eye upon us who are still in our dangerous voyage. Remember and suc-

cor us in our distress, and think on them that be exposed to the rough storms of troubles and temptations. Strengthen our weakness, that we may do valiantly in this spiritual war; help us against our own negligence and cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts. We are exceeding frail and indisposed to every gallant and virtuous undertaking. Grant, O Lord, that we may bring our vessel safe into our desired haven, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Righteous Dead

We thank Thee for the dear and faithful dead, for those who have made the distant heavens a home for us, and whose truth and beauty are even now in our hearts. One by one Thou dost gather the scattered families out of the earthly light into the heavenly glory, from the distractions and strife and weariness of time to the peace of eternity. We thank Thee for the labors and joys of these mortal years. We thank Thee for our deep sense of the mysteries that lie behind our dust, and for the eye of faith which Thou hast opened for all who believe in Thy Son, to behold through the dark present the shining future. May we live altogether in Thy faith and love, and in that hope which is full of immortality, until for us also the day shall break in glory, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

For Support During Life

O Lord, support us all day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy great mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace at last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

¶ *The Minister shall then pronounce a Benediction upon all those present, as follows*

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Committal

¶ *When the company have come to the place of burial, while the coffin is being made ready to be lowered, the Minister may read any of the Scripture Sentences* (*p.* 119) *not heretofore read, or the words of the following ancient hymn*

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succor, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins most justly art displeased?

Yet O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior,

deliver us not unto the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, Thou most worthy Judge Eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee!

¶ *Then, while the coffin is lowered into the grave and earth is cast upon it by some one standing by, the Minister shall utter the following Words of Committal*

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of the world the soul of our *brother* departed (*or* of this child), we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; remembering the good word of promise, that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *The Minister may then offer this Prayer, with the Benediction following*

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally: we humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that when we shall

depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that at the Resurrection we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and serve Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world; grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Now the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the Sheep, with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

An Order for the Burial of Those Who Have Lived Apart from the Church

Invocation

¶ *When all are assembled in the home, the Minister may begin the service with the following invocation*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Sentences

¶ *Let the Minister read such of the following sentences from the Scriptures as he shall deem suitable*

Our help is in the name of Jehovah, who made heaven and earth.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning. And be ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour cometh and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Our Savior Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah.

Prayer

¶ *Let the Minister then offer one of the following prayers, and let it be followed by the general saying of the Lord's Prayer, by those present*

Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and most merciful God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the support of the weary, who dost not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men; look down in tender love and pity, we beseech thee, upon thy servants, this bereaved household, whose joy is turned into mourning; so that while they mourn they may not murmur and in their perplexity they may not despair. According to Thy great mercy be pleased to uphold, strengthen, and comfort them; that they may not faint under Thy fatherly chastening, but find in Thee their strength and refuge; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come. Thy

will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

¶ *A lesson from the Old Testament may then be read, either one of the two Psalms following or Eccl.* 12:1-7, 13, 14 [*for the death of a young person*]

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee,
O Jehovah.
Lord, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.
If thou, Jehovah, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.
I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for the Lord
More than watchmen wait for the morning;
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hope in Jehovah;
For with Jehovah there is lovingkindness,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

Psalm 103

Bless Jehovah, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless Jehovah, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crownest thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
Who satisfieth thy desire with good things,
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
Jehovah executeth righteous acts,
And judgments for all that are oppressed.
He made known his ways unto Moses,
His doings unto the children of Israel.
Jehovah is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness.
He will not always chide;
Neither will he keep his anger forever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his lovingkindness toward them that fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame;

He remembereth that we are dust.
As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the lovingkindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to do them.
Jehovah hath established his throne in the heavens;
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
Bless Jehovah, ye his angels,
That are mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
Hearkening unto the voice of his word.
Bless Jehovah all ye his hosts,
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
Bless Jehovah, all ye his works,
In all places of his dominion:
Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

Gloria

¶ *After any reading from the Psalms, it is appropriate that the Gloria Patri be said or sung*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn

¶ *If desired, an appropriate hymn or anthem may here be sung*

New Testament Lesson

¶ *This lesson from the New Testament may then be read, preceded by the words,* Hear also the words of the New Testament. *But note that other suitable lessons from the New Testament may be found in Luke* 7:11-16 *and John* 11:32-44 (*for the death of a young man*)

I Cor. 15:20-22, 45-49; I Thess. 5:1, 2, 4-11

But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. So also it is written, The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; then that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is of heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. But ye, brethren,

are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that are drunken, are drunken in the night. But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do.

Address

¶ *A brief address may here be made, if it be thought desirable*

Prayer

¶ *Prayer may then be offered, either extemporaneously or by the use of the following*

Almighty God, who seest not as man seeth, neither judgest as man judgeth, we give Thee thanks for all that was worthy in the life of *him* who has now passed from the world. We praise Thee for every deed of kindness, every word of affection, and every useful labor, of our departed *brother*. Since it is through Thy mercy alone that we are not cut off, and by Thy grace that

we are saved, we beseech Thee so to impress our hearts with a sense of Thy forgiveness, that earnestly desiring the best gifts, we may henceforth walk humbly before Thee, serving Thee and our fellowmen in faith, hope and love, until the day break and the shadows flee away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, support us all day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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been heretofore read, or he may read the words of the following ancient hymn

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Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death!

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior; Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee!

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Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of the world the soul of our *brother* departed [*or* of this child], we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; remembering the grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father, vouchsafed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *The Minister may then offer one of the following prayers, with the Benediction following*

We commend into thy hands of mercy, most merciful Father, the soul of this our

brother departed, remembering thine infinite goodness, and beseeching thee, if it be possible, to grant that he, coming now into the fuller light of thy Presence, may there find the dark cloud of sin rolled away, the mists of doubt and error dissolved, and the veil of ignorance rent asunder; and may give himself to thy love and service for eternity. And grant that we who are here present may receive grace to live in thy fear and love, and to die in thy favor; that when the judgment shall come, which thou hast committed to thy well-beloved Son, both this our *brother* and we, may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive the blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce upon all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

O God, whose days are without end and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; that when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Christian

Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God, and in perfect charity with all the world; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

General Prayers

Confidence in God

O Lord, by all thy dealings with us, whether of joy or pain, of light or darkness, let us be brought to thee. Let us value no treatment of thy grace simply because it makes us happy or because it makes us sad, because it gives us, or denies us, what we want; but may all that thou sendest us bring us to thee, that knowing thy perfectness, we may be sure in every disappointment that thou art still loving us, in every darkness that thou art still enlightening us, and in every enforced idleness that thou art still using us; yea, in every death that thou art giving us life as in his death thou didst give life to thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Self Control

We beseech thee, O Lord, by the mystery of our Savior's fasting and temptation, to arm us with the same mind that was in him, toward all evil and sin; and give us grace to keep our bodies in such holy discipline, that our minds may be always ready to resist evil, and obey the motions of thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Higher Aspirations

O God, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and who art thyself the only satisfying portion of the souls which thou hast made; grant us grace, we beseech thee, to raise our thoughts and affections from earth to heaven, and to breathe con-

tinually after thy presence; that so, in the midst of all worldly vanity and change, our hearts may surely there be fixed where alone are to be found true joys and everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace to Follow Our Ideals

O God, who hast in mercy taught us how good it is to follow the holy desires which thou manifoldly puttest into our hearts, and how bitter is the grief of falling short of whatever beauty our minds behold, strengthen us, we beseech thee, to walk steadfastly through life in the better path which our hearts once chose; and give us wisdom to tread it prudently in thy fear, as well as cheerfully in thy love; so that, having been faithful to thee all the days of our life here, we may be able hopefully to resign ourselves into thy hands hereafter. Amen.

Right Thoughts

Most merciful Father, who orderest the wills and affections of men; inspire in the hearts of us thy servants, holy wishes and aspirations, that all base imaginings and sinful broodings may be cast out. Spirit of purity and grace, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and bring our whole beings into captivity to the law of Christ. So direct and control our minds that we may ever think on whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely. Let no corrupt thought get dominion over us. Enter thou into the house of our soul. Enlarge and renew it and consecrate it to thyself, that we may love thee with

all our minds and serve thee with all our might. Free us from the fascinations of false pleasures and the allurement of debasing desires. Fill our eyes with the eternal beauty of goodness, that vice and sin may appear as they really are, the last shame and despair of life. Keep us outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, and constrain us to reverential obedience to the laws thou hast made. Sustain us in health of body that we may the better control the motions of thought, and repel the assaults of passion. We ask it for thy Son our Savior's sake. Amen.

Unworldliness

O God who hast given unto us in the midst of our temptations and trials, the great hope of eternal life through the mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that while here in the flesh we may have our conversation in heaven, and may feel the power of the world to come. May we labor not only for the meat that perisheth, but for that which endureth unto life everlasting. May we use the world as not abusing it. Though in the world, may we not be of it. Strength us to overcome sensuality by self-denial, anger by meekness, indifference by devotion, and always evil with good. Suffer us not in our health and prosperity to forget thee, or in our sickness and adversity to think ourselves forgotten of thee. May we seek that holiness without which no man shall see thee; and be faithful to the trust committed to us, working out our salvation with fear and trembling, that in the end we may be found worthy to stand

before the Son of Man, and may receive the crown of righteousness which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Amen.

Rest in God

Grant us, O most loving Lord, to rest in thee above all created things, above all health and beauty, above all glory and honor, above all power and dignity, above all knowledge and science, above all riches and art, above all fame and praise, above all sweetness and comfort, above all hope and promise, above all gifts and favors that thou canst give and impart to us, above all jubilee that the mind of man can receive and feel; finally above all angels and archangels, and above all the heavenly host, above all things visible and invisible, and above all that thou art not, O our God. It is too small and unsatisfying, whatsoever thou bestowest on us apart from thee, or revealest to us, or promisest, whilst thou art not seen, and not fully obtained. For surely our hearts cannot truly rest, nor be entirely contented, until they rest in thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Right Decision

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, give us, we beseech thee, that grace that we may duly examine the inmost of our hearts, and our most secret thoughts, how we stand before thee; and that we may never henceforward be drawn to do anything that may dishonor thy name: but may preserve in all good purposes, and in thy holy service, until our life's end; and grant that we may now this present day, seeing it is

as good as nothing that we have done hitherto, perfectly begin to walk before thee, as becometh those that are called to an inheritance of light in Christ. Amen.

Right Decision

Eternal God, who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of thy holy will; not waiting for to-morrow, but yielding to-day. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of thy Spirit, the resistance of our passion, indolence, or fear. Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet may go, and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust in faith and hope and charity, by a simple and steadfast reliance on thy pure will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that thy lost image may be traced again, and thou mayest own us as at one with him and thee. Amen.

Pardon

O merciful God, we acknowledge and confess before thee our many sins, especially those sins which our consciences charge against us at this time. Thou art our Father, but we have been disobedient children. Thou art our King, but we have been rebellious subjects. Thou art our Master, but we have been unprofitable servants. When we would have done good, evil has been present with us. Our own hearts condemn us,

and thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. Have mercy upon us. For the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, pardon our sins. Give unto us the assurance of reconciliation and forgiveness. Fill us with all joy and peace in believing, and grant unto us grace to love thee more truly, and to serve thee better in all time to come, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pardon

Almighty and merciful God, the Fountain of all goodness, who knowest the thoughts of our hearts, we confess unto thee that we have sinned against thee, and done that which is evil in thy sight. Wash us, we beseech thee, from the stains of our past sins, and give us grace to put away all hurtful things: so that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. O eternal Light, shine into our hearts. O eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. O eternal Power, be thou our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Grant unto us that with all our hearts, and minds, and strength, we may evermore seek thy face; and finally bring us, in thine infinite mercy, to thy holy presence. So strengthen our weakness that, following in the footsteps of thy blessed Son, we may obtain mercy, and enter into thy promised joy. Amen.

Forgiveness for Our Neglect

O God, who sendest thy Son to come in his glory, and all the angels with him; to sit upon

the throne of his glory; before whom all the nations shall be gathered for judgment: how shall we stand before that tribunal? We have taken thy Son's name upon our lips, but we have darkened his Calvary by our neglect of those for whom he died. Our indifference has weakened the influence of righteousness in the world. Our thoughtlessness has left men to struggle vainly by themselves, when a word from us might have saved the day. Our cowardice has kept us from speaking out what others needed to brace them for the battle. Our sloth and self-indulgence have crippled good causes, because we have been unwilling to support them. Brothers have lain suffering in our path, while we have passed by on the other side. Our eyes have beheld thee—hungry, athirst, and a stranger, naked, sick, and in prison—but we have not ministered to thee. We have not delivered them that are carried away unto death, nor held back those that are ready to be slain. Our brothers' blood crieth unto thee from the ground. And forasmuch as we cannot change our past, we beseech thee to change our hearts, forgiving us, and filling us with a holy love. Transform us by the power of thy saving grace, from sources of evil into forces for good, that with all our might we may fight the wrongs we have aided, and aid the right we have clogged. Grant us this boon, that for every harm we have done, we may do some brave act of salvation; and that for every soul that has stumbled or fallen through us, we may bring to thee some other weak or despairing one whose strength has been

renewed by our love; that so the face of thy Christ may smile upon us, and the light within us may shine undimmed. Amen.

Lowliness and Peace

Grant unto us, Almighty God, of thy good Spirit, that quiet heart and that patient lowliness to which thy comforting Spirit comes; that we, being humble toward thee, and loving toward one another, may have our hearts prepared for that peace which passeth understanding: which if we have, the storms of life can hurt us but little, and the cares of life vex us not at all, in the presence of which death shall lose its sting, and the grave its terror: and we, in calm joy, walk all the days of our appointed time, until our great change shall come. Amen.

Freedom

O God, let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee, and mercifully grant unto us that we may be delivered by thine almighty power from all bonds and chains of sin, whether in our bodies or in our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Goodwill

O God of patience and consolation, give us such goodwill, we beseech thee, that with free hearts we may love and serve thee and our brethren; and, having thus the mind of Christ, may begin heaven on earth, and exercise ourselves therein till that day when heaven, where

love abideth, shall seem no strange habitation to us. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Illumination

Almighty and everlasting God, the source of all life and joy, who by the glad sound of the gospel hast called us to have part in thy kingdom and glory; shine powerfully into our hearts, we beseech thee, that we may heartily choose that good part which shall not be taken away from us, and give diligence to make our calling and election sure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Light of Life

O thou who art the true sun of the world, evermore rising, and never going down; who, by thy most wholesome appearing and sight, dost nourish, and make joyful all things, as well that are in heaven as also that are on earth: we beseech thee mercifully and favorably to shine into our hearts: that the night and darkness of sin, and the mists of terror on every side being driven away, thou brightly shining within our hearts, we may all our life long go without any stumbling or offense, walking as in the daytime, being pure and clean from the works of darkness, and abounding in all good works which thou hast prepared for us to walk in. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beatitude

O God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, hear us when we humbly ask

of thee those blessings which thy Son has promised to all who are his true disciples:

Make us poor in spirit, that ours may be the kingdom of heaven.

Make us to mourn for sin, that we may be comforted by thy grace.

Make us meek, that we may inherit the earth.

Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we may be filled therewith.

Make us merciful, O Lord, that we may obtain mercy.

Make us pure in heart, that we may see thee our God.

Make us peacemakers, that we may be called thy children.

Make us willing to be persecuted for righteousness' sake, that our reward may be in heaven.

O thou fountain of grace and of truth, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of the gospel of thy dear Son; grant us grace to walk worthy of this our vocation, in all lowliness and meekness of mind, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, that our fruit may be unto holiness and the end everlasting life. Amen.

Divine Help

Almighty and merciful God, who dost grant unto thy faithful people the grace to make every path of life temporal, the straight and narrow way which leadeth unto life eternal, grant that we, who know that we have no strength as of ourselves, and therefore do put all our trust in

thine almighty power, may, by the assistance of thy heavenly grace, always prevail in all things, against whatsoever shall arise to fight against us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Righteousness of Life

O Lord, who knowest what is best for us, give us what thou wilt and deal with us in all things as seemeth good unto thee. Give us a clean and innocent heart, purity of speech, integrity of life. Give us humility, patience, self-denial, prudence, justice, courage, temperance. Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge, of goodness and of thy fear. Make us ever to love thee with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves; to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thee, waiting in hope and patience for the coming of our master, that we may give in our account with joy. Amen.

Daily Grace

O God, from whom we have received life and all earthly blessings, vouchsafe to give unto us each day what we need: give unto all of us strength to perform faithfully our appointed tasks; bless the work of our hands and of our minds. Grant that we may ever serve thee in sickness and in health, in necessity and in abundance; sanctify our joys and our trials; and give us grace to seek first thy kingdom and

its righteousness, in the sure and certain faith that all else shall be added unto us. Amen.

Protection from Evil

O God, thou who hast been mindful of us and loaded us with benefits, continue thy mercy to thy children. Give us grace peacefully to serve thee day by day in our station and place in life. Amid the snares and temptations of the world, protect our weakness with thy never-failing love. Keep us from harm within us and without us; from the evil that is in ourselves; from the evil in the world around us; from all selfish, uncharitable, and impure thoughts; from all hard and bitter words; from doing that which should not be done, and from leaving undone that which should be done. Keep us in the constant sense of our membership in Christ, in the thought that we are his soldiers and servants, in the love of our Father's house, and in the blessed hope of our eternal home. Amen.

Strength

Let thy gospel, O Lord, come unto us now, not in word only, but in power and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance: by it may we be guided into all truth, and strengthened unto all obedience and enduring of thy will with joyfulness; so that abounding in the work of faith, the labor of love, and the patience of hope, we may finally be made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Right Use of Time

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power we are sustained, and by whose mercy we are spared, look down upon us with pity. Forgive us that we have until now so much neglected the duties which thou hast assigned to us, and suffered the days and hours of which we must give account to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish thy will. Make us to remember, O God, that every day is thy gift, and ought to be used according to thy command. Grant us, therefore, so to repent of our negligence that we may obtain mercy from thee, and pass the time which thou shalt yet allow us in the diligent performance of thy commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Diligence

O God, who by the example of thy dear Son hast warned us that we should work thy works while it is day, before the night cometh, when no man can work, keep us from all sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of those talents which thou hast committed to our trust. Enable us to perform the several duties of our calling with such care and diligence that our work may never be reproved in thy sight; and forasmuch as the needful business of this life is apt to steal away our hearts from thee, give us grace to remember that we have a master in heaven, and to do everything in singleness of heart as unto thee and not unto men, that of thee we may receive the reward of the inheritance which thou

hast promised in thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ministers of the Gospel

Almighty God, who hast made thy Son to be head over all things to the Church, and hast set within the Church, some to be apostles and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers: endow with thy Divine Spirit, we beseech thee, those who have received this ministry. Grant unto them, O most merciful Father, such fullness of thy grace, that they may be faithful and wise stewards whom thou settest over thy household, using the authority thou givest them not to wield lordship over the faith of their brethren, but to be helpers of their joy; that they may be able ministers of the New Testament, knowing how they ought to behave themselves in the house of God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth; faithful leaders of the blind and of them that are out of the way; lights unto those who are in darkness; watchful guardians over thy fold; followers of the true Shepherd who giveth his life for the sheep. Make their feet beautiful to publish the gospel of peace, and to bring glad tidings of good things. Give them power to preach not themselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and themselves the servants of all for Jesus' sake. May they be examples to the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. So may they in all things fulfil their ministry unblameably

and unreprovably in thy sight, that they may be prepared to stand without shame before the judgment seat of Christ, and thus, finishing their course with joy, be received into glory and immortality in thine eternal kingdom, where they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Missionaries

Hear our prayer, we beseech thee, O Lord, as we cry unto thee for the salvation of all men everywhere who know thee not. Open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ. Bless, we entreat thee, all missionaries of the cross; defend them from all adversaries and all mischance; from weariness and loneliness; from discouragement and faintness of heart. Sustain their bodies and minds and spirits with thy sufficient grace, as of old; and may they see a good reward of all their labor. Bless also, we pray, the congregations gathered out of the heathen: make them fountains of blessing and beacons of light. Bless all men everywhere who name thy name and who carry thy Gospel of Life to this hungry world. And may thy word in their hands not return unto thee void, but accomplish the purposes of thy

Kingdom, for thy Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Missions

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank thee for the blessed gift of Jesus Christ thy Son. We thank thee that in him all mankind shall become one in faith and hope and love, and through him find their way at last to thee. We thank thee that thou hast called us who are citizens of this Republic and members of thy Church, to be fellow-workers with thee in the establishment of thy Kingdom.

May this country, purged of its iniquities and sanctified by thy righteous Spirit, be thy servant among the nations of the world. Take from our midst all selfish pride and cruel greed, all the bitterness of class and race, all injustice, malice and indifference, and whatever may hinder the doing of thy holy will; that thou alone mayest rule in the hearts of this people.

May thy Church be quickened by thy Holy Spirit to labor for the victory of thy rule of holy love, in all the earth. Inspire us thy people with the boldness of thy vision for us; and attend with thy blessing the good tidings of thy constant love and thy redeeming grace which we send around the world in thy name. Hasten the time when multitudes of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, raised to new life and liberty by the proclamation of the Gospel, shall stand joyfully before thy throne, and join with us in the glad acclaim of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Fountain of Life

O Jesus, living Jesus, Fountain of love that never faileth, help us thy servants to receive thy love for ourselves, and in some way to realize it, and to grow in the knowledge of it day by day and year by year. O Jesus, living Jesus, living Fountain of all beauty, the Fairest among ten thousand, may we receive of thy fulness grace for grace, and be satisfied when we awake in thy likeness. O Jesus, living Jesus, living Fountain of living waters, boundless Source of abundant life, give us to lay hold on the life which is life indeed, the eternal and abundant life which is in thee, and may be ours in thee. Amen.

Vocation

O God, who art our Guide and Governor, who hast promised to direct the ways of those who acknowledge thee: we offer thee our thanks that thou dost not leave us alone to struggle and grope our way through the wilderness of life. Thou callest each one of us to redemption and safety in Jesus Christ: may there be none of us here in thy presence this day who shall fail to hear and heed that call. Thou callest us each to some service in thy Kingdom among the children of men: may there be none of us in this house to-day who shall refuse to answer the voice that says, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? And when thy last call for us shall come, and thou dost summon us in death, may we run joyfully, as those who hear a be-

loved voice welcoming them, to enter the door of a longed-for home. Amen.

Walking With God

O God, who keepest covenant and lovingkindness with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: grant, we beseech thee, that we may walk faithfully before thee all our days. We thank thee that Jesus Christ came to walk with us. May we find in him our companion by the way, speaking burning words into our hearts. And may we joyfully accompany him through darkness and light, through sickness and health, through prosperity and poverty, by duty and pleasure, in evil report and good report, beside the green pastures and still waters and amid the valley of the shadow of death: until he bring us home to our Father's house in peace. Amen.

Right Use of Scripture

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort for thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

After Preaching

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so

grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those Who Doubt

We entreat thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, grant that the way of thy truth, and the knowledge of thee, may be shown to thy servants who wander in doubt and uncertainty amid the darkness of this world; that their eyes may be opened, and that they may acknowledge thee, the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may enjoy the fruit of this confession both here and in the world to come: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Loyalty

We thank thee, Lord Jesus, that thou hast permitted us to range ourselves on thy side, to take thy name for our watchword, thy cross for our banner, thy Kingdom for our objective. May we so whole-heartedly identify ourselves with thy cause that the world will never be able to mistake our position. Thou hast called us friends, and hast made known to us thy purposes: may these purposes become our aims. May thy enemies be ours, thy friends ours, thy defeats and thy victories ours, and all that we have, thine. Amen.

The Gospel

Thou, O God, hast given us the rich heritage of the Gospel. We thank thee that this gospel

is at once so simple that by it a little child can find thee and the way so clear that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein: and yet withal so deep and so unsearchable that the wisest of men can not exhaust it or get to the bottom of it, but will ever be as scholars learning to think thy thoughts after thee. Give us more and more of the mind of Christ. Help us more and more deeply to penetrate into the truth of the gospel; and so illuminate our understandings, we beseech thee, that we may see more and more clearly the applications of the truth of the gospel to the complex life of the day in which we are called to live. Enrich us with the spiritual gifts of knowledge and utterance, thus making us more and more fit to be the ambassadors of thy reconciling grace. Send out thy light and thy truth, that evermore they may lead us. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Unity of Christendom

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by reason of our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may all be of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith, and charity, and may with one

mind and one mouth glorify thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech thee that we may always prove a people mindful of thy favor, glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties; preserve our unity; fashion into one happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy name we entrust the authority of government, to the end that there be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to thy law we show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in thee to fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Preaching of the Gospel

Cause thy Church to arise and shine, O Lord, and let her ministers be clothed with righteousness and salvation; that thy word which is in their hands may not return unto thee void, but have free course and be glorified in the world: prospering in the thing whereunto thou hast sent it, and prevailing mightily to turn men from darkness to light, and from the power of

sin unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them who are sanctified by faith that is in Christ: to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The King's Highway

O Lord our Lord, as men of old prepared in the wilderness highways for their kings to pass over: so we beseech thee, help us with greater loving fervor than they, to prepare a highway for the King of Kings, who ever enters the world over the ways of human life and character. May we make ready for him by filling up the deficiencies that have characterized us, with increased zeal and loving service; by levelling off the hard swellings of pride and conceit and self-righteousness; by straightening out the tortuous curves of dishonesty and insincerity; by covering all with a gracious finishing of kindliness and patience and light. Then come, O Lord, over thine own highway; through these lives of ours, enter the whole life of mankind; till all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Amen.

Standards of Success

O Lord, Giver of all grace: give us, we entreat thee, such patriotism and such unselfishness of heart, that we may have the same standards of success in life as did thy servant Nehemiah, who could not be content with his own eminence or wealth, while the city of his fathers' sepulchres lay waste and his fellow-citizens suffered affliction and reproach. May we not be content

to have gained any blessings for ourselves if in our gaining of them the lives of our fellows have not also been made rich. May we use every power, every talent, every advantage that we have in the social service of thy Kingdom, and ever be willing to save our lives by losing them, in the spirit of Jesus Christ our crucified Redeemer. Amen.

God Our Environment

Father in heaven, who art not far from any one of us—nearer to us than breathing, closer than hands or feet—help us not to look away from thee for the best things of life. Thou art our Rock and our Fortress, a very present help in time of trouble. Thou hast beset us behind and before, and layest thine hand upon us. Rescue us from the misery of groundless fears and restless apprehensions. Draw near to us and make thy presence real within us. As thy readiness to help precedes our sense of danger, may the consciousness that thou art our environment prevail to drive anxiety from our minds and evil from our hearts. Amen.

Those Who Come After Us

O God, we pray thee for those who come after us, for our children, and the children of our friends, and for all the young lives that are marching up from the gates of birth, pure and eager, with the morning sunshine on their faces. We remember with a pang that these will live in the world we are making for them. We are wasting the resources of the earth in our head-

long greed, and they will suffer want. We are building sunless houses and joyless cities for our profit, and they must dwell therein. We are making the burden heavy and the pace of work pitiless, and they will fall wan and sobbing by the wayside. We are poisoning the air of our land by our lies and our uncleanness, and they will breathe it.

O God, thou knowest how we have cried out in agony when the sins of our fathers have been visited upon us, and how we have struggled vainly against the inexorable fate that coursed in our blood or bound us in a prison-house of life. Save us from maiming the innocent ones who come after us by the added cruelty of our sins. Help us to break the ancient force of evil by a holy and steadfast will and to endow our children with purer blood and nobler thoughts. Give us grace to leave the earth fairer than we found it; to build upon it cities of God in which the cry of needless pain shall cease; and to put the yoke of Christ upon our business life that it may serve and not destroy. Lift the veil of the future and show us the generation to come as it will be if blighted by our guilt, that our lust may be cooled and we may walk in the fear of the Eternal. Grant us a vision of the far-off years as they may be if redeemed by the sons of God, that we may take heart and do battle for thy children and ours. Amen.

The Kingdom of God

O Christ, thou hast bidden us pray for the coming of thy Father's Kingdom, in which his

righteous will shall be done on earth. We have treasured thy words, but we have forgotten their meaning, and thy great hope has grown dim in thy Church. We bless thee for the inspired souls of all ages who saw afar the shining city of God, and by faith left the profit of the present to follow their vision. We rejoice that to-day the hope of these lonely hearts is becoming the clear faith of millions. Help us, O Lord, in the courage of faith to seize what has now come so near, that the glad day of God may dawn at last. As we have mastered nature that we might gain wealth, help us now to master the social relations of mankind, that we may gain justice and a world of brothers. For what shall it profit our nation if it gain numbers and riches, and lose the sense of the living God and the joy of human brotherhood?

Make us determined to live by truth and not by lies, to found our common life on the eternal foundations of righteousness and love, and no longer to prop the tottering house of wrong by legalized cruelty and force. Help us to make the welfare of all the supreme law of our land, that so our commonwealth may be built strong and secure in the love of all its citizens. Cast down the throne of Mammon, who ever grinds the life of men, and set up thy throne, O Christ, for thou didst die that men might live. Show thy erring children at last the way from the City of Destruction to the City of Love, and fulfil the longings of the prophets of humanity. Our Master, once more we make thy faith our

prayer: "Thy Kingdom come! Thy will be done on earth." Amen.

At Evening of the Lord's Day

O Lord, we would draw near to thee, with the closing of thy day. We praise thee for all its blessings, both in our homes and in thy house. We pray for all who have worshipped thee this day, that they may receive with us from thy bountiful hand those temporal and spiritual blessings with which thou enrichest thy children. Extend everywhere thy cause and kingdom, until all shall know thee from the least unto the greatest. If any have sought for thee this day, we entreat thee to reveal thyself unto them. Bless thy word, wherever it has been taught or preached, and pardon all our sins.

And now, O our Father, we would put ourselves under the shadow of thy wings for the coming night. Defend us from all harm. Let thine angels encamp about us. Keep thou us in all our ways, and bring us at length unto our Father's house in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Good Friday

Lord Jesus Christ! Thou holy and spotless Lamb of God, who didst take upon thyself the curse of sin which was due unto us, with all the heavenly host of the redeemed, we unite in ascribing unto thee power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor and glory, and blessing. We bless thee for all the burdens thou hast borne, for all the tears thou hast wept, for

all the pains thou hast suffered, for every drop of blood thou hast shed, for every word of comfort thou hast spoken on the cross, for every conflict with the powers of darkness, and for thine eternal victory over the terrors of death and the pains of hell.

O most merciful Father, who of thy tender compassion towards us, guilty sinners, didst give thine only begotten Son to be an offering for our sins, grant us grace, we humbly beseech thee, that, being engrafted into him by thy Spirit and made partakers of his sufferings and death, we may crucify the corrupt inclinations of the flesh, die daily unto the world, and lead holy and unblameable lives. Cleaving unto his cross in the temptations of life, may we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering and finally attain unto the resurrection of the dead, through the merits of this same, once crucified, but now risen and exalted Savior. Amen.

Easter

Almighty and ever-blessed God, who didst suffer thine only-begotten Son to die for our sins, we praise thy great and glorious name that thou didst not leave his soul in death nor suffer thy holy one to see corruption; but didst highly exalt him, giving him a name which is above every name, and didst declare him to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. Mercifully grant that we, having known the fellowship of his sufferings, may also know the power of his resurrection; that like as

he was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also may walk in newness of life. Lift up our hearts that we may seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. And when at last he who is our life shall appear, then may we also appear with him in glory: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas

Almighty and eternal God, whom no man hath seen nor can see, we bless thee that thou hast been pleased to manifest thyself unto us in Jesus Christ thy Son. We praise thee that in the fulness of time he came into this world and took upon him our human nature, that he might reveal to us thy love and bring us into fellowship with thee. Thanks be unto thee, O God, for this, thine unspeakable gift.

Grant now, we beseech thee, that, rejoicing in the remembrance of his holy birth, we may welcome him in our hearts as our Savior and Lord. May his Spirit dwell in our souls and rule in our lives. May we give ourselves to him in gladness and gratitude, and show our desire to honor and serve him in the willing service of our fellowmen. And may the glad tidings of thy grace in Jesus Christ soon be proclaimed throughout all the world, to the praise of thy most holy name. Amen.

The Opening of School

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, lead us in these habit-forming first days of the new year

of activity, to desire earnestly thy help, without which we can succeed in nothing good. We remember that Jesus our Lord was once a school-boy, and we know how he grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. May all the boys and girls who start anew this year, love him and grow as he did in wisdom and stature and favor with God and men, because like him they are opening their lives to the leading of thy Spirit of grace. Help them in the troublesome task, the lonesome hour, the losing game. Give them strength to form and to hold fast good habits of mind and spirit and body. Teach them to respect the wisdom, and love the beauty of righteousness. Be thou the teacher of all their teachers. Make them useful citizens of this Republic, and brave and loyal subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven. And may we who are older than they, thy children of a larger growth, remember that we too are scholars in thy school of life: may its lessons not fall on deaf ears and unreceptive hearts; may its discipline lead to a larger vision of thee and thy purposes for mankind. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Close of the Year

Most gracious God, who hast been infinitely merciful to us, not only in the year past, but through all the years of our life, be pleased to accept our most unfeigned thanks for thine innumerable blessings to us, graciously pardoning the manifold sins and infirmities of our life past, and bountifully bestowing upon us all

those graces and virtues which may render us acceptable to thee. And every year which thou shalt be pleased to add to our lives, add also, we humbly implore thee, more strength to our faith, more ardor to our love, and a greater perfection to our obedience: and grant that, in a humble sincerity and constant perseverance, we may serve thee most faithfully the remainder of our lives, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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